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SUBJ: ATTACK MUTED AGAINST TENG HSIAO-PING

REF: HONG KONG 2730

1. A BLISTERING PERSONAL ATTACK BY THE MODEL TACHAI BRIGADE AGAINST THE STILL-UNNAMED CAPAIGN TARGET, TENG HSIAO-PING, WAS CARRIED IN A PROVINCIAL BROADCAST MARCH 10 BUT TONED DOWN CONSIDERABLY WHEN IT APPEARED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF PEOPLE'S DAILY MARCH 11. FOR EXAMPLE, THE PROVINCIAL BROADCAST PREDICTED THAT THE UNREPENTANT CAPITALIST ROADER WILL INEVITABLY BE "BURIED BY THE REVOLUTIONARY CURRENT, LIKE ALL THOSE IN HISTORY WHO ACTED AGAINST THE REVOLUTIONARY CURRENT." THE PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE, HOWEVER, STATES ONLY THAT THE CAPITALIST ROADER MUST STOP THINKING OF BLOCKING THE REVOLUTIONARY CURRENT OF HISTORY. IN ADDITION, THE BROADCAST EQUATES

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"OUR ARCH ENEMY" WITH THE CAPITALIST ROADER, WHILE THE NEWS-

PAPER PIECE BROADENS THE ALLUSION OF "OUR ARCH ENEMY" TO REFER TO WHOMEVER SUPPORTS THE LINE OF LIN PIAO AND LIU SHAO-CHI.

2. THE TACHAI ARTICLE FOLLOWS THE MARCH 10 EDITORIAL WHICH SET DOWN GUIDELINES FOR THE CAMPAIGN (REFTEL). FROM THE EDITING APPARENT AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT STATEMENTS IMPLYING THAT TENG CANNOT BE REDEEMED AT THIS TIME ARE PRE-MATURE. HOWEVER, THE LOCAL TACHIA PIECE MAY BE AN INDICATOR OF WHAT FUTURE ATTACKS AGAINST TENG WILL SOUND LIKE.  
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